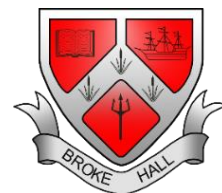


Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 26th April 2024 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

According to the poem by T.S Eliot, "April is the cruellest month" and with the weather as it has been lately, I can certainly see his meaning. Let's hope May brings a little more sunshine and warmth.

We have been looking at resilience in our assemblies this week – in particular that of long distance athletes who commit to train for these events, come rain, hail or shine; get to the start line and make it to the finish not, because it is easy, but because it is difficult. They are a lesson to us all and perfectly reflect our school value of resilience. Watching the London Marathon at the weekend also put me in mind of one of our other values – that of inclusion – because people of all ages and abilities take part.

Mrs. Fairs

Enrichment events

Year 1 Maths Café

This week we have just held another of our popular and successful Learning Café events. This time it was a maths café for the children and parents of Year One. The children enjoyed a range of puzzles, games and problems and the event was very well attended on both days.

Year 2 Great Fire of London Day



Year Two welcomed "History Off the Page" once again to immerse themselves in Seventeenth Century London around the time of the Great Fire. They used this wonderful workshop to learn about the city at the time, how the fire broke out, was spread and extinguished, as well as the long term impact and legacy the fire left behind. The children had a chance to learn about all the different jobs that people had at the time and took part in lots of practical activities including making candles, diaries and medicine.

The children have written a recount of their day in English lessons. Jordan writes: *'Yesterday, Year 2 all dressed up for the Great Fire of London. Day. Firstly, Master Craig told us all about the activities. Next, I made some smelly perfume, it smelled quite nice! After that I made a candle using beeswax'*. Nour continues the recount; *'In the afternoon we were pretending to be archaeologists. We dug with brushes to find special objects. I found a broken plate, a spoon, sewing stuff and burnt wood'*.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to parents for your support with fantastic costumes.



HSA Craft afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you at the free craft event held by our HSA. Home School Associations provide a very important service to schools and add much-needed funds and extra curricular events for our children and families. These events don't happen by themselves though and the HSA is always looking

for more volunteers who can help by either joining the committee, or helping out on an ad hoc basis. If you are able to offer your time or skills to a very worthwhile cause, which will definitely benefit YOUR child, please contact the HSA via brokehallhsa@outlook.com.

Sticky Questions

The Sticky Questions this week are:



- Reception – If you had eight arms, what would you do with them?
- Year One – Can something be enormous and tiny at the same time?
- Year Two – When should grown-ups trust children as children trust grown-ups?
- Year Three – Is there anything that never changes?
- Year Four – How have you grown up (other than physically) in the last year?
- Year Five – Would the last person on Earth be rich, or poor?
- Year Six – Is respect earned by what you do, or who you are?

Charity news

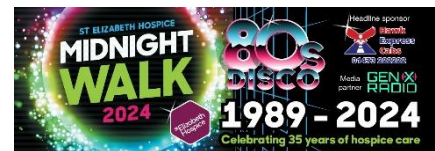
Clarks and UNICEF Shoe Share



Thank you to those who sent in unwanted shoes for our shoe collection day. We are pleased to report that we have collected over 200 pairs, which will be either distributed to those in need around the world or recycled to raise funds for UNICEF.

St Elizabeth's Hospice

A number of Broke Hall staff are completing the Midnight Walk in aid of this local charity. To add to the fundraising effort, there will be a bake sale after school on Friday 17th May, which is the day before the walk. Come along for a pre-weekend treat in aid of a great cause.



Sports news

Our football and netball teams were in action again last week. The netball team played at home against fellow Children's Endeavour Trust members, Whitehouse. The team worked hard to achieve a 12-0 win. They wanted to mention Jessica – who was player of the match, and their coach, Marie, who they describe as "amazing"!

The girls' football team were competing away at Castle Hill Junior school where they secured an impressive 1-11 win. Special mention to Bronte, the keeper who worked to keep the opposition's score line so low and to Sophie, who got two hattricks! Mr Bradford is very proud of them all.

Well done teams and thank you for representing Broke Hall with grit and grace.



Term dates for your diary

Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 5 trip to Flatford Field Study Centre
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May inclusive	Year Six End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)
Friday 17 th May	Philosophy Day
Friday 17 th May	Charity Bake Sale after school
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May	Half term break
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens to pupils
Thursday 20 th June	Year 3 to Colchester Castle
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Days
Wednesday 3 rd July	Opening Evening